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Dear Marcello:

Many thanks for the very interesting material. I spent several hours with Archie Jarmon, who wrote that totally distorted review of THE AIRMEN WHO WOULD NOT DIE, and I found him to be a mirror image of Martin Gardner. Both are prime candidates for the 32-floor drop test I've devised.

At least Gardner has nice things to say about Elizabeth's proverbs. (He quotes two: "No one religion has a corner on God; He owns the whole block." And: "Step down an inch to help a friend and raise yourself a foot.")

I think he should have taken to heart a couple of others that came to her through automatic writing:

> Men of few words should be.
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> Stand behind your convictions but next to your opinions.
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> He who believes himself to be well-educated has learned little.

via automatic writing

Incidentally, I'm enclosing a copy of Liz's POOR ELIZABETH'S ALMANAC which tells the story of how she got over 100 proverbs at 10,000 feet in a tent in the Himalayas. No matter what you think, I think you'll enjoy the way she writes the story--and the proverbs themselves. She's never written a proverb before or since. Searches by the entire Reader's Digest research staff and several professors of English indicate they've never appeared before --and yet they are as pithy and witty as Franklin's. The Franklin Institute in Philadelphia was amazed. Liz has tried writing more proverbs consciously, and can't come up with a single one.

All right, Marcello. The ball's in your court. Explain it to me.

I'll look forward to seeing the little item you mention for ZS #11.

Thanks again. Best regards.

John